

TAMMANY BURIES METER INQUIRIES

Delegation in Board of Aldermen Refuses Sale of Rival Device.

SOLID VOTE IS CAST

Kenneally, Accused of Aiding Monopoly, Stops Reading of Resolutions.

REPUBLICAN FIGHT VAIN

Falconer, Who Tried to Lift Lid, Denounces Board as a 'Joke.'

The Tammany majority of the Board of Aldermen, at yesterday's session, killed in quick succession two resolutions seeking to allow the Badger water meter to be sold in New York, without even permitting the resolutions to be read. A similar fate met another resolution which asked for an Aldermanic investigation into the charges of William Cetti, agent for the Badger meter, before the Logwood committee, that William P. Kenneally, vice-chairman of the Board of Aldermen, had prevented the board from approving his meter, which already had received the sanction of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity. Kenneally himself presided and was accused of ruling in such a manner as to prevent the resolutions from being read and to railroad them to the table.

The storm broke when the clerk began reading a resolution of Bruce M. Falconer, Republican, to approve the meter. Peter J. McGuinness, Democrat from Greenpoint, interrupted the reading before the premises were finished:

"Mr. Chairman, I move the clerk stop reading right where he's at and the resolution be laid on the table."

"You've heard the motion. The clerk will call the roll," declared Kenneally.

Falconer leaped to his feet, shouting: "I don't propose to be shut off in any such manner."

"Now, don't get excited," retorted Kenneally. "The clerk will proceed with the roll call."

While Falconer was trying to make himself heard above the roar of Kenneally's gavel, Alexander Braunstein, Socialist, demanded to know if Kenneally didn't think, inasmuch as the resolution implied an attack upon him, that it would be better for him to permit it to be read. Kenneally ignored the thrust.

Falconer finally obtained recognition on a point of order that the reading of the resolution could not be stopped by a motion to table. Kenneally overruled the point. Falconer assailed the chairman and his tactics, saying: "This board is becoming a joke. What is there in this resolution you are afraid of? If it's all square, why don't you let it go its regular course? Are you afraid to let the Badger water meter in? You know this resolution is loaded with dynamite, and that is why you won't have it read."

A. T. HENDERSON PROMOTED.
Arthur T. Henderson, general passenger agent of the French line since 1915, has been appointed passenger traffic manager for the United States and Canada, succeeding the late Col. M. W. Kinsley. Mr. Henderson went into the service of the French line as a substitute stenographer in 1892, was made travelling passenger agent in 1897 and became assistant general passenger agent in 1905.

CITY IS GOUGED FOR \$444,000 ON A JOB

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naval camp in City Park, Brooklyn, the bids ranged from \$45,000 to \$57,000. As a practical contractor he said that the bids "appeared to him wrong on their face," and that he was "morally certain they had been pooled." One bidder, Hemlein & Smith, who entered the lowest bid, it was testified, apparently felt so sure of landing the contract that material was purchased and permits were obtained from the city in advance to proceed with the work.

Brown, however, felt sure the work could be done for less, and rejected all the bids, giving the work to George H. Creasy, an independent plumbing contractor, whose bill, including his own profit, was \$55,668.55.

Commanche testified that he presented his evidence about the alleged collusion in the bids to United States Attorney Caffey and reported his action to the Navy Department. The bids received for the job, all of which were rejected, were: Hemlein & Smith, \$45,290; J. N. Knight & Son, \$53,440; Walla Newton & Co., \$55,000; J. H. Jasper, Inc., \$56,750; and W. C. Cornell Company, \$57,500.

Caffey Needed More Evidence.

A letter to the Navy Department from Harold Harper, Assistant United States Attorney, which was put into the record, set forth that the prosecutor had been "obliged to reach the conclusion that not sufficient evidence was available to ask the Grand Jury for an indictment."

To Assistant United States Attorney Barnes, who had brought the records of the case from his office, was offered an opportunity by Mr. Untermeyer to make any statement or explanation he cared.

"I was not aware, sir," he said, "that the United States Attorney is on trial before this committee. I would be very glad to give you any information I can."

"I have not suggested that the United States Attorney is on trial," retorted Mr. Untermeyer. "All I have done is to put in the records, and they speak for themselves. It seems to me that some one was very remiss, if you want my opinion."

A little later in response to another suggestion from Mr. Untermeyer that the committee would be glad to receive any statement the United States Attorney cared to make, Mr. Barnes said to the chair:

"I have no doubt, sir, if we had Mr. Untermeyer as an assistant at that time an indictment would have been found."

The remark aroused Chairman Lockwood.

"Inasmuch as you volunteered that statement, I'll say that I think you would have got a great many convictions that you did not get."

Frederick W. Herendeen, secretary of the National Boiler and Radiator Manufacturers' Association, an organization of twenty-three of the leading manufacturers of radiators and low pressure boilers in the United States, denied the association ever discussed prices with the heating and piping contractors or was in any way a price fixing institution. Its chief function, he said, was to watch legislation in various States and fight it where it was against the public interest.

He cited as an instance a bill introduced in the Ohio Legislature that would have made it compulsory to have a licensed engineer in charge of every low pressure heating boiler in the State. The regulation of chimney construction and the promulgation of the code of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers from the viewpoint of safety were also among the organization's functions.

Mr. Untermeyer read copies of bulletins sent out to members by Mr. Herendeen in which frequent reference was made to "our splendid lobby." The witness admitted that this lobby was principally responsible for the killing of the so-called Simpson bill in the 1917 Legislature, which would have prevented a heating contractor from bidding separately on a city contract if the contract was to be given to a general contractor.

11 DRAFT EVASION CASES EXPLAINED

Department Officials Give Out Facts—Several Released Pending Investigation.

Facts covering eleven cases of men held for alleged draft evasion were given out yesterday at the office of the Adjutant at Fort Jay on Governors Island. In most of the cases the subject surrendered himself and was released on his own recognizance pending investigation. Officials said that voluntary surrender during the term of investigation, but would mean nothing if found guilty and brought up for punishment.

Edward Connelly, according to the list, moved to Tottenville, Staten Island, from 1271 Nostrand avenue, Brooklyn, after registration in June, 1917, and did not receive a questionnaire at his new address until a year later. Data in his case has been sent to the War Department and Connelly released until May 19.

James J. Deggan of 640 Morris Park avenue, The Bronx, reported on May 9 that he never had received a questionnaire and that he wanted to have his status determined. He was released until May 19.

Patrick J. Foley reported on May 4 that he had registered in June, 1917, but had made no effort to answer his questionnaire and report for induction.

TAMMANY MILITANT FOR CITY CAMPAIGN

Opening Meeting Full of Criticism for Republicans.

"Tammany Hall has always been indifferent to public criticism, but now the organization has determined to be militant and invade the Republican ranks."

This statement by Mrs. N. Taylor Phillips, acting as chairman of a meeting at Tammany Hall, called the opening of the municipal campaign last night, pressed the new idea adopted by the Democratic organization. Former Gov. Smith and Assemblyman Charles D. Donohue, minority leader of the Legislature, attacked the record of the Republican Legislature.

At the meeting was distributed No. 1 of the first organ that ever has been published by Tammany, although private publications in past years have purported to represent the organization.

The paper, called *The Jeffersonian*, contains an article by former Gov. Smith on reconstruction, and another by Mayor Hylan, entitled "Keep to the Principles of Thomas Jefferson." Several pro-Irish articles are printed. Running through the paper is the supposition that Mayor Hylan is to be re-nominated. On every page is this admonition in fullface type: "Have you looked at the names of the Lloyd George-Anti-Hylan Coalition Committee? Think it over."

COUNTRY BANK ROBBED.
KANE, Pa., May 10.—Robbers early today entered the Gold Standard National Bank at Marienville, midway between Kane and Clarion, Forest county, and obtained cash and bonds said to aggregate between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

He is held in the guard house pending charges from Washington.

Frank L. Guilmore of 54 Day street reported to have his status determined. He has not been posted as a draft evader.

Maxwell Horowitz said he registered from two addresses; that he was inducted by two boards and that he expected to be posted for ignoring induction orders from one of the boards. He said he was attached to casual companies from September, 1918, to April, 1919.

John A. Morrison, now living at 207 West 11th street, said he registered in September, 1918, at Providence; that he moved to Eustis, Me., and later to Norfolk, Va., and that he never received a questionnaire or an order to report for service.

Thomas Cornelius McDonald, cited as a deserter, produced an honorable discharge, showing that he had served in the Navy from September, 1917, to July, 1919. His name was ordered removed from the list by Gen. Bullard.

Michael Breslin said he never received a questionnaire. He produced a certificate of honorable discharge from the New York National Guard showing service from January, 1918, to December, 1919.

James Francis Rully said that while waiting for induction he enlisted in the National Guard, was inducted into the Federal service in August, 1917, served overseas, and received an honorable discharge from Camp Upton in April, 1919.

Isaac A. Shyness, now in London, reported through a brother that he was exempted from service by Local Board, Division 4, New York. His brother produced the examination certificate.

Isadore Yaginsky reported that he registered here, went to Argentine after getting permission from the Provost Marshal-General's office, mailed his questionnaire from there, and never received further instructions. His case was referred to the War Department for verification and he was released until May 19.

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CRUISE ELECTED CITY CLERK WITHOUT FIGHT

No Candidate Opposes Successor to Scully.

Upon motion of William T. Collins, Democratic floor leader, the Board of Aldermen elected yesterday Michael J. Cruise as City Clerk and clerk of the Board of Aldermen for a term of six years to succeed the late Patrick J. Scully. Neither the Republicans nor the Socialists offered a candidate for the place but refrained from voting, with the exception of Louis Zeitner, Republican, who was elected on a fusion ticket.

Mr. Cruise had been Deputy City Clerk for five and a half years and had been acting City Clerk for the last eighteen months during the illness of Mr. Scully. He is co-leader in the Twelfth Assembly district with Charles F. Murphy, head of Tammany Hall, and William P. Kenneally, vice-chairman of the Board of Aldermen. Republicans applauded his election and the three party floor leaders escorted him before the board.

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